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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

BRYAN LAMAR BLANTON,

No. 05-56225

Petitioner - Appellant,

D.C. No. CV-05-2913-FMC

V.

MEMORANDUM*

JEFF WRIGLEY, Warden,

Respondent - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California Florence Marie Cooper, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 13, 2006**

Before: FERNANDEZ, RYMER, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges

Bryan L. Blanton, a federal prisoner, appeals pro se the dismissal without prejudice of his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas corpus petition challenging the career offender enhancement of his sentence for armed bank robbery and other crimes.

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and may not be cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

The district court correctly concluded that Blanton must challenge his sentence in a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. *See Lorentsen v. Hood*, 223 F.3d 950, 953 (9th Cir. 2000). As Blanton states, his § 2255 motion is pending in the district court. We therefore reject his contention that he may proceed under § 2241 pursuant to § 2255's savings clause for cases in which the § 2255 remedy is inadequate or ineffective. *See id*.

AFFIRMED